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pointed as well, and the entire hotel recently underwent a $3 million renovation.

Breakfast here is a joy: porridge with cream, eggs with bacon and sausage, black tea, and Irish brown bread. Dinners feature lamb, salmon, and Dublin Bay prawns.

The grounds include an 18-hole golf course and riding trails. Tennis and fishing are also popular.

For information: Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare, Ireland, 61-7-1144. U.S. contact: Ashford Management, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 3318, New York, NY 10112, 800-346-7007; in New York, 212-315-3588.

Hotel Im Palais Schwarzenberg (Vienna, Austria)

Although the Schwarzenberg Palace sits only a few blocks off the Ringstrasse in the center of Vienna, it evokes a serene setting. The 17th-century baroque building is set just below the Belvedere Gardens in its own grounds of flowers and trees.

The palace has been the city home of the Schwarzenberg family since 1715, and Prince Karl Johann von Schwarzenberg still lives in one wing with his family. The luxury hotel of 38 guestrooms and four suites occupies yet another wing. Some of the larger rooms open onto the garden, but even the smaller ones have a cozy charm, and all are decorated with antique furniture.

The Schwarzenberg Palace is the only member of the Relais & Châteaux group in Vienna, and that affiliation ensures a kitchen serving fine French specialties, in addition to the city's normal carte of succulent schnitzels. The restaurant also boasts a Michelin star.

For information: Hotel Im Palais Schwarzenberg, 9 Schwarzenberg Platz, A-1030 Vienna, Austria, 222-78-45-15. U.S. contact: David B. Mitchell & Company, Inc., 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016, 800-372-1323, in New York, 212-696-1323. Or contact Dial Austria, 800-221-4580; in New York, 212-661-4660.

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Inverlochy Castle (Fort William, Scotland)

Queen Victoria, after staying at this estate in the Highlands, confided to her diary that "I never saw a lovelier or more romantic spot." Her endorsement brought Inverlochy to prominence. The castle, built in 1863, has a superb setting: The frequently snowcapped peak of Ben Nevis looms in the background, a private loch glistens in the foreground, and about 50 acres of woodlands surround the castle.

Inverlochy's interior is splendidly Victorian, with period antiques in the public rooms. The 16 guestrooms and two suites, all of which offer spectacular views, are equally impressive. They have separate sitting areas, and all are luxuriously appointed.

The restaurant has a Michelin star and is run by a French chef who is famous for mixing French with Scottish dishes; a typical dinner might include scallops with orange sauce, consommé, coq au vin, and oeufs à la neige.

For information: Inverlochy Castle, Fort William, Inverness-shire, Scotland PH33 6SN, 397-2177. U.S. contact: see the aforementioned David B. Mitchell & Company, Inc.

Château d'Artigny (Montbazon, France)

This opulent mansard-roofed château is actually a fake. Located among authentic French residential buildings dating from the 18th century and earlier, it's strictly nouveau château, barely 50 years old.

An 11th-century fortress originally occupied this site above the Indre valley. During the 1760s it was torn down and replaced by a castle. When François Coty, the French perfumer, bought the estate in 1912, he demolished the old ramparts and

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Spain's Castillo de Santa Catalina (right) overlooks the surrounding countryside; breakfast at the elegant Villa d'Este (below) in Italy includes a view of Lake Como; this guestroom at the Château d'Artigny (opposite page) in France is an architectural feat.

spent 20 years building his pleasure palace. His monument to excess became a hotel in 1961.

There are 46 guestrooms and two suites in the main château, but the most splendid sleeping quarters are the five suites in the adjacent Pavillon d'Ariane. Of these, the most spectacular is the top-floor apartment, where huge stone columns intrude right into the center of both bedroom and bathroom. Room service is particularly swift in this small three-story building, but if you decide to walk across the graveled courtyard for dinner in the one Michelin star restaurant, a luxurious repast will await you. Open mid-January to mid-November.

For information: Château d'Artigny, 37250 Montbazon, Rte. d'Azay-le-Rideau (Indre-et-Loire), France, 47-26-24-24. U.S. contact: see the aforementioned David B. Mitchell & Company, Inc.

Villa d'Este (Lake Como, Italy)

In 1568 Cardinal Tolomeo Gallio built a palace on the shore of Lake Como in northern Italy. In 1615 the sultan of Morocco arrived for a visit. And in the 19th century Caroline of Brunswick, wife of the future George IV of England, bought the palace and named it Villa d'Este.

The villa was turned into a hotel in 1873. Its rooms (there are 149 guestrooms and 31 suites) are still resplendent with marble pillars, crystal chandeliers, silk-covered antiques, and arched windows that open onto the Como countryside.

But there have been changes, too, to transform the villa into an outstanding modern resort hotel. A lakeside terrace, perfect for drinks or dancing, has been added. There's a formal dining room, as well as a less formal "grill" room. A huge swimming pool actually floats on the lake, and an indoor pool, health club, and discotheque are tucked away in the garden. There are four clay tennis courts, and sailing, waterskiing, and parasailing are all available on the lake.

Chef Luciano Parolari gives cooking demonstrations worldwide and his menu is superb. Open from April to October.

For information: Villa d'Este, 40 Via Regina, Lake Como, Cernobbio, Italy 22012, 031-51-14-71. U.S. contact: The Leading Hotels of the World, 747 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017-2847, 800-223-6800; in New York, 212-838-3110. □

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